

VZCZCXRO2809  
OO RUEHBC RUEHDE RUEHIHL RUEHKUK  
DE RUEHGB #0251 0281430  
ZNY SSSSS ZZH  
O 281430Z JAN 08  
FM AMEMBASSY BAGHDAD  
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5456  
INFO RUCNRAQ/IRAQ COLLECTIVE PRIORITY

S E C R E T BAGHDAD 000251

SIPDIS

SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: DECL: 01/28/2023

TAGS: [PGOV](#) [PREL](#) [IZ](#)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR USG SUPPORT OF ARAB PARLIAMENTARY  
UNION MEETING

Classified By: Political Counselor Matt Tueller for reasons 1.4 (b) and  
(d).

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. See para 2.

[1](#)2. (S) The Arab Parliamentary Union is scheduled to meet in Erbil, Iraq, on March 11-13. During the Secretary's January 15 visit, ISCI CoR bloc leader Hummam Hammoudi asked for the USG's assistance in persuading the governments of Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia to allow delegations from each country to attend. (Hammoudi claims that the parliaments are willing to send delegations, but that their respective governments are skittish about the optics of participating.) ACTION REQUEST: Post requests that the Department consider sending instructions to Embassy Amman, Cairo and Riyadh encouraging their respective host governments to send delegations to the Erbil meeting.  
BUTENIS